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1. ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF NPT IS MOVING THROUGH PARLIAMENT
AT NEAR RECORD-BREAKING SPEED, WITH GOOD AND IMPROVING
LIKELIHOOD ITALY WILL GO TO MAY REVIEW CONFERENCE AS FULL
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PARTICIPANT. FINAL LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL GIVEN SAFEGUARDS

AGREEMENT EVENING OF APRIL 17.

2. FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER TOOK UP NPT APRIL 9, AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE FULL CHAMBER THE SAME DAY. CHAMBER PLENARY ADDRESSED ITSELF TO NPT ON APRIL 15 AND APPROVED RATIFICATION APRIL 17. CHAMBER CONCURRENTLY APPROVED IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, THUS COMPLETING ITS LAST ITALIAN LEGISLATIVE HURDLE.

3. PLENARY VOTE ON NPT WAS 302 FOR, 28 AGAINST WITH ONLY THE MSI VOTING NEGATIVELY. PLENARY VOTE ON SAFEGUARDS WAS REPORTEDLY THE SAME COUNT.

4. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, INTRODUCING NPT LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, AND SPEECHES BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, LED BY FONMIN RUMOR AND DC REPRESENTATIVE DI GIANNANTONIO, WERE CAST IN BEST INTERNATIONALIST, ATLANTICIST TERMS. TREATY WAS CHARACTERIZED AS NOT ONLY VITAL IN ITSELF BUT ALSO AS A FUNDAMENTAL TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN DETENTE, AN ORGANIC LINK IN ITALY'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THE CREATION OF A UNITED EUROPE, AND CONSISTENT WITH A CONSTANT ITALIAN REFERENCE POINT: FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

5. THE BILL HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE DC, PSDI, PSI, PRI AND PLI. THE MSI (AND EX-MSI MEMBER ADM. BIRINDELLI) SPOKE AGAINST. CARDIA (PCI) LINKED THE SPIRIT OF NPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF "PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE", ADDING THAT ITALY "DOES NOT NEED AN ATOMIC UMBRELLA, EITHER AMERICAN, SOVIET OR EUROPEAN. IT NEEDS ONLY SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS TO DEFEND ELEMENTS VITAL TO ITS INDEPENDENCE." A PSDI SPEAKER (FERRI) NOTED THAT THE DELAY BETWEEN SIGNATURE (1969) AND RATIFICATION PROCEDURES AROSE FROM A "PAUSE FOR REFLECTION" NECESSITATED BY "POLITICAL EVENTS, SUCH AS (THAT IN) CZECHOSLOVAKIA," WHICH WERE NOT CONDUCIVE TO DETENTE.

6. AS PREVIOUSLY, SEVERAL SUB-THEMES THREADED GOVERNMENT'S PRESENTATION: NPT NOT ONLY DOES NOT INHIBIT BUT PERMITS AND ENCOURAGES PEACEFUL NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT; NECESSITY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUCLEAR-WEAPONS POWERS TO SHARE RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY TO PERMIT NON-WEAPON STATES FULLEST DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL USES; FACT THAT TREATY IS CONSISTENT WITH ITALY'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO EUROPE AND DOES NOT STAND IN WAY OF EVENTUAL "EUROPEAN OPTION". ON PEACEFUL USES, RUMOR NOTED WITH APPROVAL INTENT OF SWISS GOVERNMENT TO INTERPRET NPT, WHEN IT DEPOSITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, AS NOT ENTAILING PROHIBITIONS ON "PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, PRODUCTION OF

ISOTOPES BY NUCLEAR MEANS, AND RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY RELATING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF REACTORS." RUMOR ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT ITALY'S ACTION ON NPT IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO ITS CONCERN FOR LONG-TERM, ASSURED, ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUELS FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION.

7. COMMENT: THE "HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION" NECESSARY (REF A) FOR THE GOI TO MOVE NPT WITH SUFFICIENT RAPIDITY TO ASSURE FULL PARTICIPATION AT MAY REVIEW CONFERENCE HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN MADE. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RECENT PROJECTIONS OF NPT PACE THROUGH THE CHAMBER HAVE BEEN RIGHT ON THE MARK (REFS A AND B). BARRING THE UNEXPECTED, PASSAGE THROUGH THE SENATE BEFORE MONTH-END SEEMS HIGHLY LIKELY.BEAUDRY

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